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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3029
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SURVEY OF LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per survey conducted during 2009 and 2010, the number of labourers was 45.6 crore and if so, the basis for the said survey;

(b) whether any trade has been made on the basis of the said survey;

(c) if so, the types of trades which have been registered and enlisted in the country; and

(d) the number of labourers as per the latest survey conducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): It is informed that based on the data collected in Employment-Unemployment Surveys (EUS), NSSO gives estimates of the `workers` as defined in Explanatory note given at the Annexure. Based on the Employment-Unemployment Surveys (EUS) of NSSO, conducted during NSS 66th round (July 2009-June 2010), estimated number of workers in usual status (ps+ss) was 46.02 crores. Latest EUS was conducted by NSSO during NSS 68th round (July 2011-June 2012). Based on this survey, estimated number of workers in usual status (ps+ss) was 47.38 crores.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3029 for 16.03.2015.

Explanatory Note:
1. The last two surveys on employment and unemployment were conducted by NSSO during July 2009-June 2010 and July 2011-June 2012 which are referred to as 2009-10 and 2011-12.
2. Definition of worker: Persons who, during the reference period, were engaged in any economic activity or who, despite their attachment to economic activity, temporarily abstained from work for reasons of illness, injury or other physical disability, bad weather, festivals, social or religious functions or other contingencies constituted workers.
3. Definition of Worker in usual status (ps+ss): The estimate of employed (or worker) in the usual status (ps) (i.e, usual principal status) gives the number of persons who worked for a relatively long part of the 365 days preceding the date of survey. The work force in the usual status (ps+ss) is obtained by considering the usual principal status and the subsidiary status together. The work force in the usual status (ps+ss) includes (a) the persons who worked for a relatively long part of the 365 days preceding the date of survey and (b) the persons from among the remaining population who had worked at least for 30 days during the reference period of 365 days preceding the date of survey.

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Worker Population Ratio (WPR): no. of employed persons 100
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    total population
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